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SUBJ: CASTRO BLAMES US FOR CHILEAN COUP; COMMENTS ON VISIT
TO HANOI

1. CASTRO STOPPED IN DELHI FOR TWO HOURS SEPTEMBER 17 ON HIS WAY HOME FROM HANOI. ACCORDING TO THE DELHI PRESS, HE TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE AIRPORT THE UNITED STATES INSTIGATED THE FACIST COUP IN CHILE. THE US GOVERNMENT BLOCKADED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHILEAN ARMY. CASTRO HOPED THE CHILEAN PEOPLE WOULD NOT TAKE IT LYING DOWN BUT WOULD RESIST THE OPPRESSION OF MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO ALLENDE AND SAID THAT REFUGEES FROM CHILE WOULD HAVE OTHER PLACES TO GO, INCLUDING CUBA.

2. ON UN ACTION, CASTRO SAID THE CUBAN DELEGATION WOULD DENOUNCE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ATTACKS BY THE CHILEAN JUNTA ON
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DEFENSELESS SHIPS ON THE HIGH SEAS AND ABORTIVE ATTEMPTS BY

THE FACISTS TO SEIZE THE CUBAN EMBASSY. ASKED WHETHER HE PROPOSED TO NAME THE US IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, CASTRO REMARKED THAT THE US IS THE FATHER OF THE JUNTA.

3. CASTRO'S REMARKS WERE FRONTPAGED BY ALL DELHI PAPERS WITH HEADLINES "US INSTIGATED COUP IN CHILE: CASTRO", "CASTRO ACCUSES USA OF INSTIGATING COUP", "CASTRO BLAMES US FOR COUP".

4. COMMENTING ON HIS TRIP TO NORTH VIETNAM, CASTRO SAID HE HAD SEEN LARGE TRACTS FULL OF BOMB CRATERS, JUST LIKE A LUNAR LANDSCAPE. HE HAD VISITED THE PRG-CONTROLLED QUANG TRI AREA AND HAD SEEN THE MCNAMARA ELECTRONIC FIELD THAT WAS NOW IN PRG HANDS.

5. CASTRO WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY MRS GANDHI AND FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH AND WAS TAKEN ON A BRIEF SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF DELHI. THE SEPTEMBER 18 PRESS CARRIED NO COMMENTS BY INDIAN OFFICIALS ON CASTRO'S STOPOVER OR HIS AIRPORT REMARKS.
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